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- On 5 October and 8 October 1953 five special trains left Prague with machinery and tools from Sokolovo for Tibet. The material is destined for Chantou in Sikang, and will be used for the construction of the new strategic road from Chantou to Lhasa.
- This road, which will be more than 1,000 km long, is being constructed under the supervision of the Chinese Fifth Army, commanded by General Li Chu-Teh.
- A group of 25 Czechoslovak technicians and engineers, headed by Engineer Rychtarik, accompanied the material. In Krakow the Czechoslovak group was augmented by several Polish technicians.

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